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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERIPHERAL VEIN FLUID REMOVAL IN HEART

FAILURE

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Responsive to the Final Official Action dated November 8, 2005 (a petition for a two month extension of time is requested) and in conjunction with a contemporaneously filed Request For Continued Examination (RCE), please amend the above-identified application as follows: